# THE GRAND ARMY.

# The Commander-in-Chief in Oregon---Department News.

We go to press, this week, on the eve of Memorial Day, and consequently it is impossible to give in this issue any report of the observance of the anniversary. A full account will handshaking they all obeyed the order to "fall

appear in our next issue. During the past week we have furnished blank applications for charters to the follow-

Adam W. Meek, Trent, Mich.; William C. Wooley, Banistee, Mich.; J. W. M. Brock, Staf-TRIBUNE applications for Post charters have

been forwarded to Adjutant-General Brown at National Headquarters, as follows:

signers. Our Oregon advices are to the effect that the

reception accorded Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort on the occasion of his visit to Portland on the 9th inst. was a hearty and enthusiastic one. In the evening the hall of George Wright Post was thronged with an appreciative andience in fall sympathy with the Order. Shortly after 8 o'clock, General Van Dervoort, California, were conducted to the platform, the assemblage. After the applause had subsided the honored guest bowed his acknowledgfollows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, COMRADES, LADIES Department of Oregon. It is a region I have longed to see, and yet have been unable to visit until the present time. I am much encouraged by the growth of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the were the Union troops who bore the national flag and saved the Nation's life. I have visited over thirty States in the Union, and I can say in truth seen no grander views, no nobler rivers, no mightier | a Post library. trees in their gorgeous setting of emerald green, no more laughing waters pour their currents into the broad ocean than greeted my eyes in Oregon. The glory and radiance of your mountain peaks which stand like watchful sentinels, in my estimation are uncounted upon the face of the globe. Since I landed in your city I have been as much at home in your difference; for, though my home and myself are many miles asunder, I remember that we are in the same country and under one flag. The greeting tendered to me by each and all of you shows me conclusively that fraternity, charity and loyalty. three great principles of the Grand Army of the Republic, are as carefully cultivated here as by the Atlantic wind-swept shore. The G. A. R. is a secret organization. It has its ritual, pass, signs, countersigns and grips, sufficient for one member to know and aid a comrade, but when we have exhausted this, then every woman and child may know the balance of our work. We have enough secrets to recognize each other, to point with trembling fingers toward hearthstones, and to relieve the widows and orphans from suffering and want. On the 9th day of August, 1882, I visited Bosworth Post, G. A. R., of Porland, Maine. Tonight in the sister city of Portland, on the other ocean, the silken ties that reach from Portland, ne, to Portland, Oregon, bind closer together the hearts of the comrades who marched, fought, suffered in prison pens, bore the flag, stood by their guns morally and rightfully, believing it to be their duty. The sentiment of loyalty is as firm in Portland, Maine, as in Portland, Oregon. The G. A. R. seeks to bind together the comrades by those ties which were so, dear on the march, in the camp, through the fight, and after the battle. It perpetuate the memory of the gallaut dead, so that our children may love the old flag when we are gone. This organization is as broad as the Union army which, with its bold front line, was the sal-vation of the Nation. It is composed of all parties in the land. It advances the interests of no man, no party, no candidate and no creed. It exists that the Nation may not have the flaunting lie thrown in its face that when battle was nigh, they, the Union soldiers, were not found in the front rank. Speaking of fraternity, my comrade Surgeon-General Ames is from the Old Bay State, the Com-monwealth of Massachusetts. He represents a Department of the Grand Army of the Republic who own a bill above Chelsea, in that State, bought by money raised by the Grand Army of the Republie and the noble women related to the comrades, Upon this spot a soldiers' home has been erected, and every old soldier in Massachesetts, whether he was in an almshouse or elsewhere, has been provided with shelter, and to-day there is not a pauper soldier in that State. I shall not rest until there is a soldiers' home in every State in the Union, and the and watched them through their tears; who gave husbands, sons and sweethearts-the women of the northland and the wives and mothers of the sons to them an organization of the loyal women of this city. [Applause.] The flutteringflags riddled with shot and shell represent loyalty; the badges we are wearing represent loyalty, as do also Memorial Day and the silent graves loaded with flowers. Much has been said of late in regard to granting pensions to Union soldiers. No patriotic citizen objects to an honest soldier getting his pension. Only one-tenth of one per cont. of fraudulent claim-ants have been discovered, and I hope the G. A. R. will purge its pension roll of every fraudulent name upon the list. [Great applause.] And I ask the Department of Oregon to find out the name of every one of these frauds. I ask you never to allow the insidious scrpent of politics to enter your organization, and care not whether you are Repub-

you to remember only those that wore the blue and bore the flag. [Great cheering.] The singing of "Marching through Georgia," in which the audience joined with spirit, was The lady friends of the Post recently placed in followed by an address by Surgeon-General | the Post room a fine piano for the use of the Ames, who supplemented General Van Per. comrades. There is splendid material for a Ladies' Aid Society, and the hope is entertained voort's speech with some fercible suggestions that one will soon be started, as well as a Camp relative to the pension rolls and foreign immi- of the Sons of Veterans. The Post made argration. A trio from the Amphion Glee Club, rangements with Rev. I. M. Foster, Chaplain-incomposed of Messrs. Morgan, Morse, and Frank. Chief, to deliver the Memorial Day address. lin, then rendered "Welcome to the Chief" in fine style, and were succeeded by Comrade O. B. Culver in a brief, happy, and humurous speech. Telegrams were read from G. D. Hill, as follows: Rowley B. Taylor Post, No. 219, ald; J. V. C., W. Campbell; Adj't, W. C. Har-

lican, Democrat or Woman Suffragist, but I want

HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON TERRITORY. Van Dervoort, accompanied by Surgeon-Gen- The public men of our place, as well as all our eral Ames, of Boston, Mass., visited Scattle. big men, appreciate us as a Post by becoming He was met at the beat landing by the mem- honorary members, paying five dollars and bers of Stevens Post, No. 1, in uniform, who, upwards for the privilege. This money, after headed by the Seattle Cornet band, escorted furnishing our hall, goes into a relief fund, to the party to Yesler's Hall, which had been help poor and distressed soldiers, their widows secured and decorated for the occasion. Invi- and orphans. We have on hand about \$65 tations had been sent to the leading citizens to | now, which is being increased by new honorary be present at the reception, and the hall was members. We mustered a comrade May 19, by crowded. After "Hail to the Chief" by the the name of Eugene Plumley, who was band, and a selection by the Arion Singing So- wounded in front of Petersburg, Va., June 16, that "The Hillsdale Spy," by L. L. Jeffres, was during any one quarter since the organization clety, who had volunteered their services, and | 1864. He was shot between the left eye and who contributed much to the pleasure of the nose, the ball passing through his head and reception, Colonel W. F. Prosser delivered an coming out near his right ear. We think it large audiences and proved an unqualified sucaddress of welcome, to which the general re- was the most remarkable wound ever known, cess. The company was the same which first sponded in his usual felicitious manner. In where the man lived. speaking of the present strength of the Order, he said: "Both the East and the West seem to have taken hold the spirit of the Order, and it is gaining strength in all sections. We now number within our ranks 160,000, and are inereasing rapidly. Up to the time I left home, April 19th, we had gained 1,252 Posts, having a merabership of 69,000. This is exclusive of the reports of the March quarter, which were not The latter Post had forty-eight charter mem-Merrill and Wagner 774 Posts were gained, and the March quarterly report will, I am sure, show that the Order during my own administration has nearly doubled both in the number of Posts and the membership."

After the Arion had sung another selection,

#### MAINE.

Edwin Libby Post, Rockland, Me., had a grand Camp-fire recently, at which Governor Comrade Robie and his council and a large delegation from the Posts in Camden, Liberty, Apple-At 8 o'clock a reception was held in the G. A. of Memorial Day. R. hall, where the governor was introduced to all present by Hon. A. F. Crockett, of his council, and Commander Fish. After the in," and marched to the Skating Rink for rations and o-rations. Tables were set the entire length of the rink, and governor, council, and comrades were served to army fare. Meservey's band played the national airs and accompanied the singing of the campaign songs, which were sung with much effect, the governor joining heartily in the singing. Pipes all lighted, Commander Fish called the comrades to order and introduced Gen. Tillson, who in a felicitous manner welcomed the visitors to Rockland and to the Camp-fire. Chaplain Philbrook was presented as toastmaster. Among Chapman, Neb., ten signers; Dowelltown, the speakers were Gov. Robie, Rev. Mr. South-Tenn., forty signers; Stockholm, N. Y., eleven | ard, Hons. Jno. P. Swazy and Jos. A. Locke, signers; West Manchester, Ohio, thirty-two of his council; Gen. Cilley, Surgeons Williams and Levensaler, Commander Walls, and Hon. J. W. Porter. The funny stories were told by Col. Carver and Commanders Tobin and Johnson. The affair was an immense success.

### VERMONT.

Comrade J. O. French, Jeffersonville, Vt. writes us as follows, under date of the 21st inst.: Post No. 10, of Cambridge, Vt., have Shortly after 8 o'clock, General Van Dervoort, necompanied by General Ames, Surgeon-General English and Surgeon-Ge eral of the G. A. R., and O. B. Culver, Assistant | the village cemetery at 2 o'clock p. m., with Quartermaster-General of the Department of an address by Judge H. H. Powers, of the supreme court, at the Congregational church at 3 p. m. During the forenoon details from the where, after an instrumental solo by Miss Con- Post will visit all cemeteries in town and vistance Pendegast, Department Commander cinity and decorate the soldiers' graves. The Caukin introduced the Commander-in-Chief to exercises at the village will be under the direction of Col. C. K. Leach, late of the Second regiment Vermont volunteers, as chief marshal. Jericho band and the Post drum corps will be ment, and in a clear, ringing voice spoke as present. Post No. 10 will appear in their new Holliday Post. The Post adopted a programme uniforms, which consist of black felt hats with | for the proper observance of yesterday. wreaths, dark blue double-breasted coats with G. A. R. buttons, and light blue pants. On AND GENTLEMEN: It is unnecessary for me to say to-night how much pleasure I feel in visiting the May 30, 1882, the ladies and friends of the Post presented it with a nice silk flag, which will be used on the 30th for the third time. The first was a year since and the second at the annual country, and in no place is this growth so marked as in Orcgon. The G. A. R. is not a sectional but a national organization as devoted to the country as for a squad of recruits for The Tribune came to hand on time and proved to be one of the most interesting war books I ever read. Thanks and honor that wherever I have journeyed, I have for the book; it will be the commencement of meeting. He adds: Too much praise cannot be Posts have been organized since the issu-

Comrade N. M. Puffer, Bennington, Vt., who | fortunes in guarding the old flag. has been appointed TRIBUNE correspondent by Custer Post, No. 42, writes us as follows, under date of the 21st inst: Preparations are perfected for the proper observance of Memorial midst as at my own fireside, and I hardly feel the Day here. The Post and veterans will attend divine service in the Baptist church at North Bennington, Sunday afternoon, May 27th, at 3 o'clock. Rev. A. W. Cady, a member of our Post, officiating. A union meeting of all the Rev. George C. Baldwin presiding. The Post morial Day, Lieut. J. A. N. Williams chief marshal, with Comrades J. I. Loomis and A. M. Downs assistants. The procession will be participated in by Knights Templar, local military veterans, firemen, children, and citizens. Post A. R. ceremonies in each cemetery. Appropriate music will be furnished by the Constellation (male) quartette and the oration will be delivered by Comrade Warren Gibbs, of Bur-

held a Camp-fire in their hall Friday evening, May 18th, to which all soldiers and their families were invited. Exercises were as follows: camp, through the fight, and after the battle. It seeks to relieve the widow and orphan and to mander Wells, Senior Vice Commander Sleeper, this matter and continued effort in recruiting Judge Advocate, James P. Taylor, Commander; Adjutant Farrel, and Chaplain Foster, and singing by Mrs. Frank Atherton, Miss Nellie Graves, Miss Emma Taylor, Messrs. Taylor and Foster, and the Post. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served, after which the Post | quarter. orchestra played, and those present promenaded to their hearts' content.

MASSACHUSETTS. The hall of General James Appleton Post, Ipswich, was crowded on the 16th inst., upon the occasion of the presentation of a flag to the Post by its lady friends. The programme opened with music by a select choir, after which Colonel Shatswell introduced Mrs. Hattie E. Noves, who made a fitting presentation address. Commander Clark received the flag in behalf dust of no man who wore the blue shall sleep in a pauper's grave. [Great applause.] And now let me closed the exercises. A very beautiful basket any a word in praise of that saintly, noble, angelic of flowers was on the stand in front of the of flowers was on the stand in front of the band who, in the days of war, loved the soldiers | Commander, the gift of Mr. Benjamin Fewkes. The fiag is a beautiful one of the regulation size, inscribed with the name and number of of America. And I hope the day is not far distant when the Posts of Portland will have as auxiliaries eral James Appleton Post will now be enabled eral James Appleton Post will now be enabled to carry two of the handsomest flags in this vicinity, the other being the one presented by D. F. Appleton, of New York, a few months | ville, April 3; Bradley Post, 310, Stryker, -

Rev. J. W. Hamilton, of Boston, was to have delivered the Memorial Day oration in Concord Hall, Natick, Mass.

# CONNECTICUT.

"Sergeant-Major," Middletown, Corn., who sends us two new subscribers, making nineteen in all from him, writes us that Mansfield Post. of that place, now numbers 125 members, and is prospering. The Post has an open meeting on the third Thursday evening of each month.

# NEW YORK.

Comrade Lucian F. Allen, Attica, writes us of Scattle, T. J. Babcock, of Salem, and A. G. was mustered Aug. 20, 1881, with thirty mem- vey; Q. M., Albert Young; Chaplain, I. H. Staples, Department Commander of California, bers, with Comrade Wm. H. Smith as Com. Dickersheets; Surgeon, Gordon M. Wilcox; O. regretting their inability to be present. The mander. The Post was a success under the D., H. Shultz; O. G., S. P. Fults; S. M., George management of Comrade Smith, and when he Wilcox; Q. M. S., S. McGinnis. He adds: Our exercises closed with a recitation by Miss Katie | management of Comrade Smith, and when he retired last January we had about sixty-five | Post (Robbins Post, No. 91, Upper Sandusky) Brack, entitled "The Heart in the War," which members and forty honorary members. Then recently mustered nine recruits, which brings was rendered in a spirited manner. Refresh- election of officers placed Comrade A. J. Lorish | its number up to 109. ments were then served, and after a brief time | in the chair. We now have about eighty-two in social conversation the large audience dis- comrades and fifty-nine honorary members, and seem to be growing fast. The Post is uniformed and equipped with Springfield rifles, and in our public parades we have always re-On the 10th inst. Commander-in-Chief ceived praises for our soldierly appearance.

> Comrade George D. Hastings, Malone, N. Y., who sends us seven new subscribers, writes under date of the 21st inst. as follows: "Commander Meigs has received orders from headquarters to muster Post No. 375, this evening, tered Post No. 362 at Brushton, and two weeks | young ladies' broom brigade. Hon. J. F. Fol- | glers, and let the second quarter eclipse the bers, among whom were generals, colonels. majors and captains.

# NEW JERSEY.

Comrade James P. Ward, S. V. C., writes us short addresses were made by Dr. T. T. Minor, as follows: I have the pleasure of informing Surgeon-General Ames, Commander Tucker, of | you that Comrade Rockhill, Mustering Officer California; Commander Geoghan, of Oregon, of this division, mustered Ryerson Post, No. and Colonel Haller. R. Osborne read an original poem, written for the occasion by Mr. A.

T. Hawley, and the Arion Club sang "The Soldier's Farewell." The comrades then filed up and one by one shook hands with the Commander-in-Chief, formed into ranks, and escorted the party to the steamer, on which they left adj't, R. Manluf Reynolds; Surg.,

on their return to Portland at 3:30 on the following morning.

son; Chaplain, Jos. B. Bradley; S. M., Micajah W. Homan; Q. M. S., Thomas Driscoll. The Post was named in honor of Colonel Ryerson, of the Tenth New Jersey volunteers, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness, May,

Comrade Richard Lawrence, Red Bank, N. J., writes us that the Post at that place mustered five new recruits at its last meeting and ton, Thomaston, and Vinalhaven were present. | is making great preparations for the observance

### PENNSYLVANIA.

Comrade James Adams, J. V. C., writes us as follows: Thomas M. Sedgwick Post, No. 294, East Brady, was organized December 22, 1882, with twenty charter members. We now muster forty. On the 20th and 21st of April we held a Grand Army festival in the Opera House to assist us in raising funds for our Post. It was a success beyond our expectation, netting us on the two evenings \$191, for which the members and officers of the Post tender their thanks to the public, and especially to the ladies of East Brady and the surrounding vicinity for their interested labor and assistance. We are order for our Post, which was presented on Saturday evening, the 19th inst., at our regular meeting. The order was given our Quartermaster to have made to order a silk flag and pole, such as the Post should select, by the aged and esteemed parents of the dead comrade for whom our Post is named.

Comrade G. T. Michaels, Commander of John one of the finest Post rooms in that section of little over 100 members, and now is 150 strong | TRIBUNE." with twenty-five applications pending. The Post uses the stereopticon to illustrate the chart, which greatly increases the interest in the Post. The meetings are well attended, and the future of the Post looks very bright.

#### WEST VIRGINIA.

Comrade William Budke, Wheeling, writes us that Comrade Edward Robertson has been appointed correspondent of THE TRIBUNE by

#### MISSOURI.

Comrade A. L. McBride, Butler, Mo., who sends us a new subscriber, writes that the Post at that place is in a flourishing condition. It was organized last January with twenty-seven charter members, and to-day holds the fort with seventy-two mustered, and about fifteen applications on file. Recruits are coming in at every bestowed on THE TRIBUNE for its excellent defense of the men who risked their lives and

### OHIO.

General Order, No. 5, issued at Columbus, on A. G .- contains the following: The consolichurches will be held in the evening, with the | total gains in membership 2,465, losses by transfer, discharge and death 146, and by suspension has appointed Col. Olin Scott president of Me- 1,022. The rules and regulations require all Parker, Commander, John C. Joss Post, No. comrades whose dues are unpaid for six 124, Constantine, March 30, by N. A. Reynolds, months to be reported suspended. The total membership in Ohio at the end of the first | Fitzgerald Post, No. 125, Hastings, April 11, by quarter was 16,600, and according to the reports | C. H. Rose, of Custer Post, No. 5, John H. Denone out of every sixteen comrades was in ar-Custer will have full charge and render the G. rears for dues. An examination of the reports show many of our most zealous and prominent | Frank R. Chase, Commander; Billy Begole comrades to be among the number. No doubt | Post, No. 127, Maple Rapids, April 5, by D. C. their standing. The evil ought to be remedied. Post Commanders will immediately, on receipt | April 20, by J. V. Russell, A. D. C., A. B. Crane, Edwin Dillingham Post, of Waterbury, Vt., duce the suspended list to the minimum, and Fowler, April 21, by D. C. Crawford, A. D. C., are enjoined to have the dues collected promptly | F. A. Stowe, Commander; Barritt Post, No. 130, hereafter. In every case, when a comrade's Edmore, April 19, by J. S. Preston, A. D. C., E. circumstances make it proper to do so, he should | H. Cummings, Commander; Henry Liddle Post, will enable us to report 20,000 comrades in good | John McGarrah Post, No. 132, Portland, April standing at the National Encampment. The | 27, by D. C. Crawford, A. D. C., W. H. Williams,

The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aids-de-Camp on the staff of the De- Junior Vice Department Commander, James partment Commander: G. S. Innis, Post No. 1, Columbus; M. D. Townsend, 9, Conneaut; I. | Centerville, April 27, by M. A. Merrifield, Judge Underwood, 21, Mt. Vernon; S. A. J. Snyder, Advocate, M. Sabin, Commander. Reinstated: 32, Fremont; G. A. Blackwell, 31, Tiffin; Robt. Sutton, 41, Wapakoneta; Jonathan Dent, 1, Columbus; C. A. Miller, 76, Cummingsville; J. S. Nace, 130, Galion; J. H. Evans, 126, Gallipolis; G. L. Miller, 138, New Lisbon; E. E. Ewing, 164, Portsmouth; John Pearce, 166, Steubenville; Robt. Cullen, 200, Cincinnati; Wm. Jordan, 219, Wellington; D. W. Thomas, 226, West | Post No. 12; Charles Stevenson, 115; J. J. Pot-Union; J. J. Sullivan, 250, Millersburg; H. S. ter, 83; C. M. Hall, 88; Ben. F. Wilcox, 105; Brinkley, 261, Canal Winchester.

The following new Posts have been organized since the last report in General Orders: Captain Keys Post, No. 302, Tupper Plains, ers, 28; C. F. Ballou, 27; E. J. Blanding, 50; March 23; Dick Mason Post, 304, Lowell, March | Geo. G. Richardson, 69; Peter B. Sanbora, 98; 24; Colonel E. P. Mast Post, 305, Fredericksburg, March 22; Henry McCarty Post, 307, Fayetteville, April 14; Harrison Frazier Post, 308, Jacksonville, May 7; Fisher Post, 309, Loudon--; Hamilton Post, 311, Gratiot, April 23; T. F. Wildes Post, 312, Coolville, April 14; Luther | Throop, 154; F. D. Newberry, 109; S. D. Har-Devol Post, 313, Monday P.O., April 20; Miller Moody Post, 314, Bellville, April 11; Fenton Post, 316, Hamden, April 25; Dick Cheatham Post, 317, Beverly, May 15; William Tanley Post, 318, Warrenton, May 11; McKindry-Murlin Post, 319, Mendon, May 9; Sergt. Thomp-son Post, 235, Salineville, Feb. 21; W. C. Fur-rors in the manner of conducting the ceremogeson Post, 254, New Holland, March 23; Stanley Post, 283, Forest, March 27; Hughes Post, 285, Malta, April 17; P. A. Swigart Post, 116, Lucas, April 4; Mulhearn-O'Cain Post, 3, Eaton, April 1; McCall Post, 123, Freestone P. O., March 30; Penn Post, 163, Pennsville, April observed: 1. The badge designating official 18; A. N. Goldwood Post, 104, West Richfield, April 20; Leroy Baker Post, 120, Danville, April 17; Coleman Post, 67, Long Bottom, April 26; Seldon Trusdale Post, 175, Vienna, May 12;

Sergt. McKell Post, 42, Bainbridge, ---Comrade I. F. Rieser, Department Mustering Officer, writes us that he mustered Henry Hatfield Post, No. 320, on the 25th inst., at Round Head, Hardin county, with twenty-five charter members and the following officers: Commander, E. H. Mahan; S. V. C., T. I. McDon-

Comrade George B. Tebbs, Harrison, Ohio, who sends us three subscribers, writes that John Campbell Post, of that place, is in a flourto do without it."

Comrade Wm. Bigham, Commander of Arthe 16th, 17th and 18th insts. It attracted appeared in the drama in Wooster, Ohio, and

ing Camp-fire in Hibernia Hall, on the 22d and | ise for the future been brighter. Rally around 23d insts., which yielded about \$600. A fea- our glorious banner of Fraternity, Charity and at West Chazy. Some little time ago we mus- ture of the entertainment was drilling by the Loyalty; fall into line; let there be no straglett, of Cincinnati, and Rev. M. Eckerman were | first in membership and number of Posts. to have been the orators on Memorial Day.

Ohio, who sends us a new subscriber, writes | bers of his Post, on the 11th inst. mustered Post that Coleman Asbury Post, No. 257, of that No. 138, at Ferry, with eleven charter members. place, is in a prosperous condition. It has The following officers were installed: Commustered six recruits so far this quarter, and mander, John Archer; S. V. C., T. P. Landon; has five applications on file. Comrade J. M. Jones, who has been appointed

Post, No. 122, South Charleston, writes us that that Post is in a prosperous condition. Its last Camp-fire was a success.

#### INDIANA.

"Seventh O. V. I." writes us under date of the 19th inst, as follows: Chas. W. Howell Post, No. 90, of Goshen, Ind., was mustered August and have, at the present time, sixty-one comrades in good standing and twelve more ready | aid to a worthy member who may be in a posifor muster. On the 10th, 11th and 12th insts., | tion to need assistance. the comrades having secured Mr. T. N. Wilson, of Dayton, Ohio, author of "Andersonville; or, the Scout's Last Shot," gave an entertainment, and for three nights the Opera House was filled to overflowing to hear the great war drama. The boys feel proud of their success, as this was the only entertainment ever given in the city which drew three nights in succession. and a larger audience each evening. We are making preparations to remember our late comrades on Memorial Day, and no pains or expense will be spared in its observance. Commander Harry M. Dean has received orders from Department Headquarters to organize a new Post at Middlebury, in this county, which he will do on Wednesday evening, May 23, asalso in receipt of a beautiful silk flag, made to sisted by a number of the comrades of our Post.

## ILLINOIS.

Comrade Lyman K. Raymond, Hudson, Ill., writes us that Post No. 165, of that place, which was mustered last December with thirteen charter members, now has twenty-five, with S. Bitner Post, No. 122, Lock Haven, writes | three applications pending, and is prosperous. that the Post is prospering finely, and occupies | He adds: "I receive a great many papers published in the interests of the soldier, but none Pennsylvania. On January 1 it numbered but of them will compare with The NATIONAL

Comrade H. H. Nurse, Chillicothe, writes us that Chillicothe Post, No. 136, mustered about a year ago with thirty-two charter members, now has over seventy. The Post recently celebrated its first anniversary in Red Ribbon Hall, on which occasion Comrade A. R. Morgan gave his celebrated lecture, "Camp, Battlefield and Hospital," which was much enjoyed by all

Wm. B. Archer Post, Marshall, Ill., had a rousing meeting in Harlan's Opera House on rades, ladies and children were apppointed, and | Day. arrangements made for Memorial Day. Thirteen recruits were mustered.

#### MICHIGAN.

General Order, No. 6, issued at Hillsdale, on

the 8th inst., by command of O. A. Janes, De-

partment Commander-Wm. H. Tallman, A. A. G .- contains the following: The following ance of General Order, No. 3: H. H. Nims Post, No. 118, Lexington, March 31, by C. G. Hampton, A. D. C., R. Papst, Commander; Post, No. 119, Charlevoix, March 28, by George W. Stoneburner, of Post No. 13, E. H. Green, Commander; Waddell Post, No. 120, Howell, April 5, by A. M. Holt, Chief Mustering Officer, our motto is "Charge, Chester, Charge," until E. D. Sargent, Commander; Pap Thomas Post, all old soldiers eligible to membership are the 21st inst., by command of Charles T. Clark, No. 121, Chesaning, April 6, by J. V. Russell, within our "camp." On the 18th inst. Garrett Department Commander-David Lanning, A. A. D. C., H. J. Hopkins, Commander; Edward | Post, No. 16, mustered in ten good and true S. Cox Post, No. 122, Assyria, April 4, by E. F. | men, who served during the "late unpleasantdated reports for the first quarter of 1883 show | Evans, Commander of Post No. 82, W. S. Hecox, | ness," and who made an enviable record on Commander; Carver Post, No. 123, Frankfort, | many a bloody field. We look for as good a April 4, by A. B. Carrier, Past A. A. G., N. A. Chief of Staff, Robert M. Flack, Commander; nis, Commander; Dan S. Root Post, No. 126, Belding, April 14, by D. C. Crawford, A. D. C., they would be greatly shocked if notified of | Crawford, A. D. C., Robert Anderson, Commander; T. C. Crane Post, No. 128, Henderson, of this order, adopt effectual measures to re- Commander; R. G. Hutchinson Post, No. 129, indications are that our gains in the current | Commander; --- Post, No. 133, Newaygo, | quarter will be greater than in any previous April 27, by W. C. Simmons, A. D. C., S. D. Thomson, Commander; Frederick Walker Post, No. 134, Mt. Morris, April 27, by J. M. Kellar, Davis, Commander; David Oaks Post, No. 135, Phil Sheridan Post, No. 4, April 28, by Depart-

ment Commander, A. B. Strong, Commander. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

To be Assistant Inspectors.-Morris Long, Lewis Cobley, 114; M. Coad, 103; J. H. Kelly, 49; R. B. Rogers, 102; Warren D. Gilson, 30; W. Grofford, 16; C. W. Bennett, 2; T. T. Tool-Geo. W. Woodward, 68; Henry L. Stoflet, 95; William Yaw, 47; A. M. Church, 62; A. A. Bleazby, 84; Henry Goodrich, 11; Wm. Shakespeare, 79; Alfred Jeffers, 67; Charles M. Bel-cher, 34; S. B. Smith, 45; J. A. Bently, 111; rington, 41; D. Matteson, 18; D. Johnson, 3. Assistant Inspectors will at once make themselves thoroughly familiar with the Rules and Regulations and the Manual. They will alrors in the manner of conducting the ceremo- all recruits.

Attention is called to the following requirements in wearing the badge, which are disregarded by many of the comrades, and Post Commanders will hereafter see that they are rank in the Grand Army is to be worn in cennection with the G. A. R. badge, on the left breast of the coat when on duty or on occasions of ceremony. The ribbon for this badge should be but one and one-half inches in length and one and one-quarter inches in width; and in color, for National officers, buff; Department officers, cherry red; and for Post officers, light blue. The rank badge should be worn at the top of the ribbon, while in office, dispensing with the eagle until after the office is passed, and then replace the eagle, wearing the rank badge beneath the eagle. See Rules and Regulations, page 30. 2. Membership badges should be worn upon the left breast, and not down mony, it should be worn under the lappel of the coat. No other ribbon than the small flag should be worn with the membership badge. When desired, new flags can be obtained at

these headquarters. It is suggested that all Posts prepare a record ishing condition. There is money in the treas- of all soldiers buried within its limits, giving ury, and the needy comrades are provided for. name, company and regiment, date and cause John T. Penny, the Commander, is a live, en- of death of each, and that this record be preergetic man, and to him is due much of the served and read in connection with the exer-Post's prosperity. He adds: "We receive the cises on Memorial Day. Each year additional paper on Saturday evening, and Sunday after- names will be added until the last veteran is noon is spent in sweet communion with old | mustered out and no longer answers to the roll comrades. We recognize The Tribune as the | call, when it can be handed down to posterity soldier's paper, and, as such, we cannot afford and prized as a roll of honor by coming generations.

The reports for first quarter of 1883, received to this date, show net gains in the Posts reportthur Strong Post, No. 170, Seville, writes us ing, aggregating 1,1257 This is the largest gain produced in the town hall on the evenings of of the Grand Army in this State. This is especially gratifying, and the Department Commander desires to acknowledge the valable services of the members of the staff and all officers and comrades, for their enthusiasm and gave an admirable rendition of the several labor in this unparalleled success in recruiting the ranks of this Department. At no period Ben Butterfield Post, Lancaster, had a rous- in the history of the Department has the prom-

Comrade W. H. H. Fleck, Mount Victory, Hooker Post, No. 26, of Hart, assisted by mem-J. V. C., Henry Dodge; Q. M., Daniel Landon; Surg., Alva Decker; Chap., A. W. Sparks; O. D., B. F. Archer; O. G., A. Eitmier; Adj't, J. a correspondent of THE TRIBUNE by McMillen M. Keeney; S. M., John Heim,

The members of Joe Hooker Post, No. 26, of Hart, recently produced the "Spy of Shiloh," Comrade G. Lutermeister, Kenton, Ohio, who at Slayton's Hall. It ran four evenings, and was sends us a new subscriber, writes that a Post has recently been established at that place, evening's performance, Miss Bernice Howard

taken part in the play and a few others, with a silver cup and a gold chain. The presentation occasion the old boys had a first-rate time. was made by W. E. Thorp, Commander of Joe Hooker Post, in a short appropriate address, and was replied to by the young lady in fitting 16, 1882, by Colonel R. S. Robertson, of Fort terms. The receipts of the four evenings Wayne, assisted by Commander Merrit and sev- amounted to a very respectable amount, and eral comrades of Elmer Post, of Elkhart. We | the charity fund of the Post has been thereby started out with twenty-nine charter members, replenished, and the Post placed in a position to answer any calls that may be made on it for

> Comrade A. M. Angus, Flushing, Mich., who sends us six new subscribers, writes that the Commander and thirteen comrades of Ransom Post, No. 89, of that place, on the evening of in the mustering of F. W. Walker Post, No. 134, by J. M. Keller, J. V. D. C. On the 9th and beans, coffee, and hard-tack partaken of. On the 10th inst., the Post gave a ball at Davie Opera House, which proved a success. Music was furnished by the Banning and Parmelee

man writes: By the inclosed you can see that the Department of Michigan is still booming. We have now 142 Posts, and applications on file for five more. The membership in the State was 5,332 at the close of the last quarter-March 31-and there has been a very large increase since. The net gain in membership for the last quarter was the largest of any quarter since the organization of the Department. Comrade George I. Nash, Marcellus, Mich.,

writes us that Thomas Manning Post. No. 57, of that place, has over 100 members and is doing finely. Many of the boys are now in Dabanner and flag. Comrade A. W. Fisher, Bay City, Mich., who

the 20th inst., that extensive preparations were made for the observance of Memorial Day in that place, and several prominent speakers were to have delivered orations. Comrade A. W. Busher, Cross Village, writes us that George Washington Post, No. 106, of

that place, is prospering. It now has twentyeight members. The Post was to have decthe 19th inst. A number of committees of com- orated the grave of General Ely on Memorial

#### WISCONSIN.

Comrade A. P. Clayton, Commander of Henry Dillon Post, No. 27, Lone Rock, Wis., writes us, under date of the 21st inst., as follows: I have been detailed to muster a Post at Viola with thirty-five charter members, on the 24th inst., and one at Woodstock, on the 25th inst. We propose building a soldiers' monument at Richland Centre, Richland county.

IOWA. record while members of the G. A. R. and trust our association may be mutually agreeable, Among them is a soldier of battery M, Third New York artillery, who is the only member of that ill-fated battery who is now living. His name is Jacob Ulrick. He also served a fantry. There was also a one-legged comrade (Tobias Spaffer) from the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Pennsylvania infantry, whose leg was lost on one of the battlefields where the glorious old Army of the Potomac fought. There were some of Sherman's bummers in the squad who took a little walk from Atlanta to the sea, and then, feeling so good over the trip, they continued on north through the Carolinas to Washington. They were escorted first by Wheeler's cavalry and later by Hardee and J. E. Johnston, and, finally, Johnston's whole army came into camp as visitors. We have quite a goodly number of recruits who are being driven | tion." in by the skirmishers, and whom we hope to muster at no very distant day. We have now ninety-eight names on our muster roll, and ought to increase to one hundred and fifty before the National Encampment meets.

Comrade P. H. Steckman, Brandon, Iowa, who sends us four subscriptions, writes that Lawrence L. Shurler Post, No. 166, was mustered at that place on the 8th inst. with fourteen charter members. It now has sixteen members and eight recruits ready for muster.

KANSAS. General Order, No .- , issued at Fort Scott, May 19, by W. B. Shockley, Commander of Wm. H. Lytle Post, No. 32,-H. G. Herrick, back in imitation of the entrance to a tent, and Adjutant-contains the following: All comrades who are able are urgently requested to appear in uniform, or at least procure a uni- about seven feet long, the pendant star being form cap, for both occasions, thus showing to the world we deem it an honor to wear the blue worn by our heroic dead. Every comrade is expected to be present and participate on Memorial Day, the 30th of May, and the Union Public Service in the Opera House, Sunday, May the 27. Let no one convey the impression E. M. Adams, 24; E. G. Hincher, 27; H. H. by his absence that he does not revere the memory of his fallen comrades. The evening the word "Welcome" in large letters worked of Memorial Day there will be a general muster at these headquarters. Let each comrade enlist as a recruit one honorably discharged soldier or sailor and present him for muster on ways be on duty during the meetings of their | that occasion. The discharge or other evidence

> Comrade J. E. Rayl, Hartford, Lyon county, Kan., writes us that on the 2d inst. Col. David Taylor, of Emporia, Department Mustering Officer, mustered a Post at that place with the following officers: Commander, Thomas Campbell; S. V. C., J. E. Rayl; J. V. C., Jacob Rubert; Adj't, W. J. Combs; Q. M., J. H. Huggins; O. D., J. W. Crawford; O. G., W. G. Root; Surg., Dr. G. W. Sutton; Chaplain, J. G. Frisby Q. M.-S., M. Myer; S. M., Levi Ewan. Its present memdership is forty, and it is in good working order. He adds: "Our Post, by resolution, has made THE TRIBUME its official organ, and has appointed your humble servant correspondent."

Comrade J. H. Ambler writes us from Topeka, under date of the 21st, and as follows: General Rice Post, No. 71, of this place, organized June 7, 1882, with thirty-two charter members, has now a membership of eighty-four, nearly to the waist, as is frequently the case; with ten applications, on file. We expect to and when not on duty or on occasions of cere- swell our membership to one hundred and fifty by the close of the year. The success is, in a large measure, due to the energy of Commander A. R. Wilkin. Our arrangements for G. A. R. services on Memorial Day are nearly complete. and, should the weather prove favorable, we shall have the largest gathering on that day ever had in this city on a similar occasion.

Comrade J. F. Sterling, Chetopa, writes us, under date of May 21, as follows: Pea Ridge Post will observe May 27, Rev. Wm. Wilbur conducting the services at the Baptist church. We are making extensive preparations for Memorial Day. The committees are all appointed and their work assigned to them. We expect some noted speakers from a distance. The Post is growing rapidly; we mustered six recruits at the last meeting, and others are constantly applying for membership. The total now is 100 members.

Comrade W. H. Mears, Peabody, Kans., writes Marion Post, Florence, Kan., with twelve charter members. Twenty-four recruits are expected to come in at the next meeting. He adds: "Peabody Post, No. 89, of Peabody, now numbers about ninety-three members, and is doing well."

Comrade W. F. Grierson, Parsons, Kans., who sends us two new subscribers, writes that Antietam Post, of that place, recently gave the drama, "Spy of Atlanta," five nights in suceach night.

Comrade J. G. Doane, Leavenworth, Kan., who sends us a new subscriber, writes that a colored Post was recently organized at that place. He adds: "THE TRIBUNE gets better and better."

Emporia Post, No. 55, Emporia, has passed a series of resolutions relative to the death of the wife of its Chaplain, Comrade J. S. Wells.

# OREGON.

Custer Post, of McMinnville, now numbers which now has a membership of seventy-five. | was presented, on behalf of the ladies who had about thirty members, and is doing well. It and place the staff will report fully uniformed. Ladies' Auxiliary.

From a letter just at hand from Comrade A.

L. Pounstone, Adjutant the past two years of

# CALIFORNIA.

Lyon Post, No. 8, Oakland, who has kindly sent us several squads of subscribers, we quote as follows: "Less than two months ago W. R. Thomas, of the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois 1883. infantry; Truman H. Allen, of the Twentysecond New York cavalry; J. Frederick, of the First and Second California cavalry, and Thos. Todd, of the Second New Jersey infantry, met together in Oakland and determined to recruit the 27th ult., visited Mount Morris and assisted | a new Post. Five days later, with their full quota of recruits, they applied for a charter, requesting as a name for their Post, 'Appomatult., Ransom Post, of Flushing, mustered five comrades, after which, a Camp-fire was held, of the last days of March. When this was done; Comrade Thomas promised Department Commander Staples that Appointation Post, No. 50, an eminent characteristic of this army and the should have fifty members on Memorial Day. main element of the power and success of its I recently visited this 'double-quick' Post and efforts in behalf of the cause of the Union. The witnessed the mustering-in of seven recruits, history and glory of the officers and soldiers and also learned from Comrade Thomas, the belonging to this army who have fallen, either Commander, that his promise to the Depart- on the field of battle or otherwise in the line of In regard to the above order, Comrade Tallment Commander was even then more than duty, shall be a permanent and sacred trust to fulfilled-that the roster showed fifty-three this Society, and every effort shall be made to comrades. The Post, so to speak, is a very collect and preserve the proper memorials of fraternal one. Fraternity and true comrade- their services, to inscribe their names upon the ship mostly abound among soldiers who have roll of honor and transmit their fame to posmingled in the actualities of war. My experience inclines me to the belief that a man must be born again, as it were, in the front rank of a terrible battle before he can actually feel the bly and well to preserve the Union. Ohio true inwardness of Grand Army comradeship. This line of thought recalls to mind the sanguinary five days' battlefield of Stone River. The mistaken but brave men from the South kota taking up land. The Post has a splendid | were after the early worm on the morning of the last day of December, 1862,-the hottest day of the conflict. Their reveille of musketry called us into line before the break of day, and sends us a new subscriber, writes, underdate of before we had our breakfasts. I was a private then in Captain B. B. McDonald's company C, of artillery; and the aggregate from thirteen One Hundred and First Ohio volunteer infantry. There were just forty-four of our company in that action, and when we had finished our part of the day's work and I had picked a rebel bullet from among my shattered hard-tack in the haversack, which I had carefully worn over my abdomen, I fervently thanked God for having spared my life, and joined with my surviving comrades in caring for the dead and wounded of our company-twenty-two in dred societies, and its annual reports, now numall! There were forty-four of us in the morning, but only twenty-two in the evening! If I belonged to a Post composed of those remaining twenty-two comrades, I could not help sticking by them, individually and collectively, closer than a brother.

"Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort was recently tendered a public reception in Oakland, under the auspices of Appointatox Post.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of May 10, received Music Hall, in Cincinnati, will be a large and Comrade Charles H. Fish writes us from to-day (May 16). This General Order an-Newton as follows: The boom increases, and nounces the appointment of Truman H. Allen brave citizen soldiers. Many new members (the same comrade named above) to the exalted | who have not seen each other since the musterposition of Assistant Inspector-General for the out, will there shake hands, renew old army Department of California, but it is an error in friendships, and, perhaps, drink out of the same locating his Post in San Francisco. It should be Appemattox Post, No. 50, Oakland, Cal. "Having spoken of Commander Thomas, of Appointatox Post, there is another Thomas I wish to speak of-Comrude R. P. Thomas, of Geo. H. Thomas Post-an organization of upward of 400 comrades, the largest Post on the coast. Comrade Thomas owns a 32-acre tract of plateau land, valued at \$50,000, located on the foothills across the Bay of San Francisco, prior term in the Twenty-ninth New York in- directly opposite the Golden Gate. When re- Chief of the Order, on May 5, 1868. It is as cently he got his eyes wide open to the fact follows: that the Veterans' Home Association was in straightened circumstances, the true spirit of comradeship so bubbled up within him that he wrote his willingness to give his 32-acre tract for the purpose of a Veterans' Home, and that he would also build thereon a \$25,000 house for the boys. The conditions named were so favorable that prominent members of the Association informed me that Comrade Thomas' proposition would gladly have been accepted had not the purchase of another tract been made at

> Administration, and Comrade George McCarty, Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department The party reached the city at 5 p. m. and were received at the depot by the Commanders of Phil Sheridan and John A. Dix Posts, by whom they were escorted to the Auzerais House. They were then driven on the Alameda to Santa Clara, and were much impressed by the beauty of the valley. At night they were tendered a reception in the California Theatre, which was beautifully decorated for the occasuspended in the center was a floral representation of the badge of the Commander-in-Chief, six feet in diameter. It was composed wholly of roses of various colors and formed a magnificent center-piece. The proscenium boxes were decorated with the banners and flags of the Posts bordered with wreaths of flowers, while distributed in profusion along the footlights and flats were floral designs. In the center of the gallery railing and facing the stage was out of choice flowers, while on each side, and reaching the stage, flags were draped, they in turn being profusely adorned with flowers and palm leaves formed into an exquisite design. Stacks of muskets, swords and other paraphernalia of war occupied the ends of the stage and were covered with garlands of flowers. The comrades of the Grand Army were seated on the stage, while the families of the soldiers occupied seats in the parquet. The Phil Sheridan Ladies' Society were out in force, their red, white and blue badges presenting a very took their seats on the stage they were greeted with enthusiastic applause by the audience, which filled the house. The City band played Ames and other exercises followed.

> Comrade J. D. Fyke, Los Angeles, writes us voort's visit to that city. Judge Dupuy opened the meeting with an appropriate address, and introduced General Van Dervoort, who was received with three hearty cheers.

# NEW MEXICO.

circular which contains the following: It is hoped the comrades residing in Raton, Albuquerque, Socorro, Silver City and Deming, as well as other towns in the Territory, will fall into line at once and emulate the example of their comrades in Santa Fe and this city. Comrades desiring to establish Posts will correspond with these headquarters for the necessary blanks. I have the assurance from the Department Commander that upon the organization of three Posts in the Territory and upon application we shall be organized into a us that on the 9th inst. he helped to organize | Provisional Department; and upon the organization of six Posts we shall be organized into a permanent Department. It can be done before the Reunion at Denver.

# SONS OF VETERANS.

General Order, No. 2, issued at Pittsburg, Pa., on the 20th inst. by command of Harry T. Rowley, Commander-in-Chief .- H. W. Wilkes, Adjutant-General, -is as follows: The second cession in the opera house to large audiences | annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, will be held in Columbus, Ohio, commencing Monday, August 6, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Council-in-Chief will meet at the Neill House on Saturday evening, August 4, at 7 o'clock. Grand Division Commanders will have their reports sent to these headquarters on or before July 15. In States where the Division organization is provisional or incomplete, the Grand Division Commander will detail some efficient brother to represent it. A full and complete representation is urged, and signed by a number of veterans having been to attain this the Grand Division Commanders will urge their respective Divisions to the ne-Comrade J. B. Gardner, Dayton, Oregon, cessity of prompt action. Headquarters will be whose object it is to care for the widows and who sends us three new subscribers, writes that established at the Neill House on Saturday, orphans of deceased soldiers. The association August 4, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time

#### PAP THOMAS' BOYS.

The Next Reunion of the Army of the Cumbers

The fifteenth annual Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland will be held in Cincinnati on the 24th and 25th of October.

This Society was organized under the auspices of Major-General George H. Thomas, in 1868, and is composed of "officers and soldiers who have at any time served with honor in that army.'

The constitution of the Society provides that the object of the Society shall be to perpetuate the memory of the fortunes and achievements of the Army of the Cumberland, to preserve that unanimity of loyal sentiment and that kind and cordial feeling which has been

The Army of the Cumberland was one of the largest of the grand armies that battled so nogave to this army sixty regiments of infantry, four regiments of cavalry and twelve batteries of artillery; Illinois, forty-three regiments of infantry and seven batteries of artillery; Indiana, thirty-eight regiments of infantry, four regiments of cavalry and twelve batteries of artillery; Michigan, eight regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, one regiment of mechanics and engineers, and five batteries other States was sixty-eight regiments of infantry, twenty-four regiments of cavalry and ten batteries of artillery; making a grand total, at the opening of the Atlanta campaign, of 100,000 men. Every surviving member of these regiments, who received an honorable discharge, is entitled to membership in this Society. The Society of the Army of the Cumberland has always held high rank with kinbering fourteen handsome octavo volumes, bound in cloth, contain a large amount of biographical and historical information of great interest and value. It is deemed desirable to call attention of those who were members of the grand old army, to the approaching Reunion of this Society. The corresponding secretary, General Henry M. Cist, of Cincinnati, will send blank applications and give any de-"Last evening I attended a meeting of Geo. sired information to those who may wish to H. Thomas Post, No. 2, San Francisco, and | become members of the Society. Lieutenantheard the reading of the Commander-in-Chief's General P. H. Sheridan is its president, and General Orders, No. 11, the same as appears in it is expected that the meeting in the great canteen.

> THE FIRST MEMORIAL DAY. Text of Commander-in-Chief Logan's Original

> Order of May 5, 1868. The first order for the observance of Memorial Day by the Grand Army was issued by General John A. Logan, as Commander-in-

HEAD'QES GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, 1868,

General Order, No. 11. 1. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise deco-rating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange

such fitting services and testimonials of respect as freumstanees may permit. the time and the building in process of erec-We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and frater-nal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort, accompanied by Dr. Azell Ames, Jr., Surgeon-Gensailors, and marines who united to suppress the eral; Comrade Allen, of the National Council of late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their solof California, visited San Jose on the 15th inst. dier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed ground. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free or undivided Republ sion. In front of the drop curtain and taking its place were two large Union flags, looped other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us. Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains, and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us

a sacred charge upon a Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

2. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor parted comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its riendly aid in bringing to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous

compliance therewith. 3. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this order effective. By order of JOHN A. LOGAN, N. P. CHIPMAN,

# Adjutant-General.

Indiana Association of Ex-Prisoners. The Indiana State Association of Ex-Union Prisoners was organized recently at Terre handsome appearance. As the national officers | Haute with the following officers: President, Geo. Grimes, Terre Haute Ind.; First Vice-President, C. W. Moss, Center Point, Clay county, Ind.; Second Vice-President, Thomas an overture consisting of a series of old army H. Butler, Indianapolis, Ind.; Secretary and airs, specially arranged for the occasion. The Treasurer, Isaac M. Brown, Columbus, Ind.; boys, assisted by the audience, then sang Assistant Secretary, E. A. Rosser, Brazil, Clay 'America," after which Comrade More made county. Ind. Executive Committee: Col. W. an address of welcome and introduced the N. Denny, Vincennes, Ind.; Col. W. Scearce, Commander-in-Chief, who spoke nearly an hour | Hopeston, Ills.; Capt. John B. Dowd, Rockville, in a manner which stirred the audience to en- Ind. (now Pension Department, Washington, thusiasm. An address by Surgeen-General D. C.); Capt. H. C. Johnson, Williamsport, Warren county, Ind. The association has issued a circular, which contains the following: The object of this association is to concentrate that Frank Bartlett Post, of that place, had a upon what action of Congress we may desire for rousing Camp-fire on the 18th inst. upon the occasion of Commander-in-Chief Van Der- may be just and satisfactory to all parties concerned. The bills heretofore introduced in Congress have failed for want of concert of action on our part more than from any other cause; consequently, nothing has been done. In order to arrive at something more definite and tangible, it is hereby ordered that a mass-meeting of all the ex-Union prisoners now living in Indiana be held in the city of Indianapolis on Thursday and Friday, during the State fair, in September, 1883, at which meeting Comrade J. J. Fitzgerrell, Commander of it is proposed that a committee shall be appointed to draft a bill covering all that can be honorably eigenlar which contains the following. It is benefit of those who were confined in Southern prisons during the war of the rebellion, and those who may have other claims that demand honorable recognition and adjustment. We must stand united in our appeal to Congress, and the expression of this meeting will form a basis upon which the proposed committee can act advisedly in concentratng upon a bill to be presented to the next Congress for the satisfactory settlement of all claims held by soldiers not heretofore provided for. To this end we call upon the members of the executive committee to go to work and organize their townships counties and districts, in order that every ex-Union prisoner in the State may be fully impressed with the importance of attending the meeting as above called, and in the event that any member of the ommittee fails to attend to his duty in thus organizing, every ex-Union prisoner is hereby author-ized to see that a list of those living in his neighborhood is made out and sent to the secretary of the State organization, giving post-office address of

#### each person so reported. Relies of Southern Prison Days.

An exchange says: R. L. Shaw, of Elbridge still has the bag in which he used to draw his rations when in Libby Prison and the pens at Andersonville and Florence, South Carolina. It will hold three-fourths of a pint, and is made from a good quality of twilled cotton. He also has kept a sample of the beans or peas, whichever they are, which were occasionally served as rations to the prisoners.

A New Veterans' Association at East Boston. Comrade James H. Fall, East Boston, writes us that the application for a Post charter, refused, the signers have rented a hall and formed themselves into a veteran association

s now sixty strong, and propeses to organize a